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Against stupidity the very gods themselves contend in vain.—Schiller.

WAKE UP, CITIZENS!

Apathy in any community is dangerous, and Honolulu is getting a concrete instance of it today. Mr. J. M. Dowsett has withdrawn his candidacy for the Republican nomination for delegate, his intention being formally made known in the Star-Bulletin this afternoon.

If any proof were needed that the voters of Honolulu, the responsible businessmen generally, will have to wake up, this is it. If any illustration of the danger of inaction were needed, this is the illustration. This inaction has already cost the voting public several worthy candidates. Is the whole ticket endorsed by businessmen as a move for efficiency in public office to be sacrificed to laziness, neglect, smug self-content and full-fed sloth?

The legislative and the county tickets remain to be filled. The county ticket is the critical point of attack on good government now, for it is the county offices that are in most danger from incompetency and from dirty fingers soiled already with much wire-pulling.

Those who realize the same wall of carelessness against which this movement for efficiency was launched cannot blame Mr. Dowsett for his action, nor is it a surprise. As head of the ticket endorsed for office, he had a right to expect hearty support and organized support. Instead, he found the community apathetic in the extreme. It was not indifference to Mr. Dowsett's candidacy, it was indifference to the movement.

Undoubtedly there was lack of centralized effort to carry on the movement. To speak plainly, this centralized effort was and is still pitifully lacking.

The Star-Bulletin does not for one moment believe that Honolulu prefers bad government to good government. This paper has more faith in Americanism and in community honesty and earnestness than to believe Honolulu wishes to see any movement for good government fail for lack of support. This movement will not fail, it will succeed greatly, if the voters will realize now that its success is their success.

But the public must give more support than it has given. The fact is that every good man who offers himself for office is a guarantee of money saved to them and to the city, and every inefficient man who offers himself is a guarantee of money wasted.

That's all. That's the situation in a nutshell. There are many good candidates before the voters of this county, and the voters must decide, and decide quickly, whether they will be given support.

REPUBLICAN MASQUERADERS

The national campaign of 1912 has brought to the front as a very real issue the question of how far presidential electors are pledged to follow the result of national conventions. In fact, the issue is regarded by Taft leaders as important enough to sway the result of the election next November, and the case so far is not going in a comforting manner for the adherents of the present executive.

A good deal of misunderstanding has surrounded the fight made by Kansas Taft leaders to prevent the Kansas electors from going on the regular Republican ticket. In brief the case is this:

Eight candidates for electors in the state of Kansas have declared that they will vote for Roosevelt in the electoral college. The Taft leaders in Kansas declare that the eight were nominated with the understanding that they would abide by the result of the Republican national convention, which nominated Taft. The Taft Kansans therefore complained that the electors' nominations had been achieved through fraud and applied to the Kansas courts to prevent the names of these electors from appearing on the "regular" ticket.

The Rooseveltians in this interesting state,

having control of the party machinery, did not hesitate to assume a name which in other states they could not assume because they could not control the party organization.

The Kansas supreme court, to which the question was submitted, held that, regardless of the truth of the charges of fraud and misrepresentation made against the eight Roosevelt electors, it had no power to grant the relief the Taft people asked for. Then the Tafters applied for a writ of error and the question was carried up to the United States supreme court. This high tribunal decided that the supreme court could not interfere with the Kansas primaries, but that federal courts might take cognizance of the writ of error application.

The decision was naturally hailed by the Bull Moose herd as a great victory.

The real point at issue, however, was not determined, nor could it be legally determined, and that point is the question of the right or wrong of the Rooseveltians in seizing the regular Republican ticket for electors who frankly declared they would not vote for the nominee of the Republican convention.

The Roosevelt leaders argued that the electors were not bound by the action of the convention, which was, they claim, fraudulent and in defeat of popular sentiment. They urge that the electors are primarily responsible to the people of their state and must represent the majority sentiment of that state. No denial is made that Kansas is a Roosevelt state just now.

Neither the Kansas courts nor the supreme court justices passed upon the ethical question raised. Both tribunals regarded the question as a political and moral, not a legal one and declined to interfere with the progress of the primaries.

In the Bull Moose jubilation over the victory, which may easily be a decisive one, the Roosevelt men seem to have forgotten that they quit the Chicago convention denouncing the Republican party by name and by membership.

Just for instance, ex-Governor George R. Carter, enthusiastic Rooseveltian, came back to Hawaii with a signed statement in which he said: "No man who stands for a truly representative party can stand any longer in the Republican party."

Yet in Kansas the Bull Moosers not only continued to stand in the party and under the name of Republican, but named eight electors on the Republican ticket in the primaries of August 6, who had openly, on record, as opposing the Republican nominee.

The newspapers of the country ten days ago carried two interesting items: One of them read, "Dopeka, Kan., Aug. 6.—Progressivism swept Kansas in the primary election today. It whisked into nomination as Republicans the eight presidential electors who had declared allegiance to Theodore Roosevelt, and on the face of the returns, up to midnight defeated Congressman P. P. Campbell in his struggle to retain his seat in Congress. At that hour H. M. Gray, a Progressive, had a lead for the Republican nomination over Campbell, who has been a staunch supporter of President Taft."

The other, published under a Chicago date-line of August 6 as part of the story of the Progressive convention in Chicago, says: "The New Jersey delegation came in shouting the same yell it used so often at the Republican convention. It brought a new battle hymn, which, like the Pennsylvania ditty of the subject of hanging 'Boss' Penrose to a sour apple tree," was set to the tune of the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic.' This is the way it ran:

"The 'grand old party' is a-moldering in the grave;
It came and saved the nation, but itself it cannot save.
It's Boss Barnes' plaything and it's Guggenheim's slave—
But we go marching on.

"The bull moose is coming, can't you hear the warlike tread?
The elephant and donkey are trembling with dread.
Their game is up; we've got them licked;
they know that they are dead—
As we go marching on."

These two items, one of a successful raid under the name of Republicanism, the other a street-gang slur upon the name of Republicanism, state the case plainly. They measure Roosevelt's sincerity, his devotion to a national cause; they measure his opportunism and his desperate striving for place and power.

That woman rebel in Mexico who held up the chief of police and robbed the station of supplies must have had experience with some of the police in American cities.

Mayor Fern is willing to succeed himself. Nothing succeeds like success, Mr. Mayor.

Decapitation is evidently not au fait in the best circles of China any longer.

Taft's vetoes are rapidly approaching bogey.

PERSONALITIES

C. MOREN, a vaudeville artist, is an arrival in the Oceanic steamship Sierra this morning.

MISS RUTH CARTER is an arrival from the coast in the Sierra to visit a sister living in this city.

MRS. P. P. HYATT of Worcester, Mass., is an arrival in the Sierra to visit relatives in this city.

J. A. URICE, who takes up his duties in the Y. M. C. A., is an arrival in the Sierra this morning.

J. J. GORDON of San Francisco is an arrival in the Sierra this morning will make Honolulu his future home.

JAMES B. CASTLE will leave in the Sierra Saturday for a trip to the east, to be absent for three months.

MAX SCHMIDT and Mrs. Schmidt are arrivals in the Sierra. They are on a business and pleasure trip to the islands.

H. S. HANSEN, is a passenger in the Sierra who is enroute to Australia. He will remain here pending the arrival of the Sonoma.

MRS. E. D. MIDDLEDITCH, after an absence from Honolulu of nearly two years returned as a passenger in the liner Sierra this morning.

MR. AND MRS. W. R. BROWN are among the passengers in the Sierra who propose to pay a visit to Kilauea before returning to the mainland.

DR. AND MRS. T. B. SMITH, a young couple making their home in Nevada are visitors at Honolulu. They arrived in the Sierra this morning.

LESLIE HOULETTE, son of Captain Houlette, master of the Oceanic liner Sierra is making a round trip in the well known vessel.

A. F. CASE, who holds important contracts with the construction of Pearl Harbor drydock and buildings, is an arrival in the steamship Sierra.

NAT. BERGER, a San Francisco merchant, is a visitor in the islands on business and pleasure bent. He was an arrival in the Sierra this morning.

M. A. SILVA, former immigration agent, was a returning passenger in the Oceanic liner Sierra this morning. Mr. Silva was away on a business mission.

MISS E. STEMM and Miss A. B. Thompson, are arrivals in the Sierra from the coast this morning to take up positions with the territorial school department.

WALTER REVELL, Mrs. Revell and Miss Helen Revell are passengers in the Sierra from Los Angeles. They are making the round trip on the popular Oceanic boat.

MISS K. KNIGHTLY of Los Angeles, a passenger in the Sierra from the coast this morning, will remain here for some weeks before continuing the journey to Japan and Manila.

BEN SELIG, a well-known San Francisco department store manager, with Mrs. Selig, is an arrival in the Oceanic steamship Sierra. Mr. Selig will connect with the Clifton in this city.

MR. AND MRS. O. PORTER and Miss Porter are passengers in the Sierra from Los Angeles. They propose remaining in the islands some weeks before returning to the mainland.

THE REV. ORISON J. McMULLIN, C. S. P. of Old St. Mark's church, sailed on the Huen Hooa from San Francisco on Friday of last week for Honolulu, where he will enjoy a well-merited vacation.—S. F. Leader.

H. LAMONT, a capitalist who resided at Regina, Alberta, when that place was visited by a disastrous cyclone, is a visitor at Honolulu, having arrived this morning in the Sierra. Mr. Lamont is en route to Australia.

MR. AND MRS. G. F. FITZHUGH, a prominent attorney at law from Memphis, Tenn., is making a round trip to the islands as a passenger in the Oceanic liner Sierra. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh propose visiting the volcano before returning to the mainland.

A. J. WIRTZ, the compiler of a celebrated business code, is back from an extended business tour of the mainland and Europe. Mr. Wirtz returned in the Sierra this morning and was greeted at quarantine by a delegation of Moosers in which order he is a high official.

JAMES A. KENNEDY, president and general manager of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, returned from an extended visit to the mainland and Europe as a passenger in the Sierra. While away, Mr. Kennedy gave considerable time and attention to making an investigation of available steam tonnage.

CLARENCE W. GIRVIN, formerly connected with the engineer's department at Ewa, has accepted a position with the Koloa sugar plantation in the capacity of chief engineer. Mr. Girvin was at one time employed by the Makaweli Sugar Co., having installed a large amount of the mill machinery, which experience makes his services as chief at Koloa a valuable asset in the construction of the new sugar mill which the company is soon to construct. Mr. Girvin is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Rice, Jr., of Lihue, Garden Island.

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LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: It is a new departure, and a healthy sign, to see the prominent business men of the city come to the front in politics, and they will undoubtedly make their influence felt in no uncertain way, and for the benefit of all, at least, it is hoped they will. It was expected that men of ability would be selected by them as candidates for the various offices, but it was more than expected that none but men of honor, and whose names were above reproach would be named to fill such important positions.

That they have failed to do this in several instances is only too evident, and which is a most serious defect. To put in the names of men just because of their ability to pull down votes irrespective of their past record, and antecedents savors too much of politics, and not enough of the patriot and the purity of purpose, and honorable motives.

There is no doubt that these names will be eliminated in the end, but it shows a lack of judgment and a proper appreciation of the great object and purpose of this organization.

It is not enough that a man is a great worker for his party; the great question is what does he stand for, what is his great object and purpose in life?

And it is my opinion that no man should be thought of for a moment to fill even the smallest of these offices who has wronged his fellow men in any way.

What is really wanted is not only men of high standing and who have high ideals and honest motives, but men who can appreciate the exigencies of the times.

We must not forget that we are entering upon a new era, and that great problems will have to be solved, and great thought will have to be given to them, and able men will be needed to work them out.

Already great measures confront us on every side, and millions of dollars will have to be spent in many much needed improvements.

New wharves, new docks, new streets and roads; to say nothing of the large public buildings will have to be constructed in the near future, and some of which should already be under way.

It is also the consensus of opinion that the harbor should be enlarged to accommodate the ships that will throng these shores in the near future.

There is also the problem of filling in the marsh lands, duck ponds, etc., and which must be done at no distant day.

There is also the problem of the civic center to work out and many other important subjects.

Indeed, to bring to completion all these great improvements, it will need men of the greatest ability and probity, and men who have a proper appreciation of the great and important work to be done.

It will also take men who have a love for this city, and who take a pride in its growth and proper development, and not only for this city, but for the whole country.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE OSBORNE.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG — The seeds of the local "house palm" ought to make good ink.

M. C. PACHECO — The representative bunch of Democrats on the platform last Saturday night was the most notable thing of the Democratic ratification meeting. By no stretch of the most imaginative mind could such men as Allan Herbert, Col. Iaukea, William Wolters, Col. McCarthy, G. J. Waller and many others be classified as "meal-ticket grabbers."

A resolution endorsing W. J. Bryan's work at the Baltimore convention was adopted by the Nebraska Democratic convention by a vote of 636 to 246.

NEW TODAY

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for General Storehouse," will be received at the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, Washington, until 11 o'clock a. m., September 28, 1912, and then and there publicly opened, for a reinforced concrete storehouse at the United States Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Estimated cost, \$85,000. Plans and specifications can be obtained on application to the Bureau or to the Commandant of the Naval Station, Honolulu, Hawaii. W. M. M. SMITH, Acting Chief of Bureau, August 6, 1912. 5318—Aug 19, 26

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